

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2005

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Piekarczyk	Kankakee County
Mr. Paukovitz	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Brooks	Aroma Park
Mr. Mayes	Bradley
Mr. Tyson	Kankakee
Mr. Hoffmann	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District
Dr. Gingerich	Bourbonnais

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Hess and Mr. Lammey, Kankakee County; Mr. Threadgill, IDOT; and Mr. Morgan, Journal.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Piekarczyk called the meeting to order at 10:07 A.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Tyson moved approval of the October 27, 2004 minutes. Mr. Mayes seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Tyson moved approval of the Agenda. Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Unanimous vote.

TIP AMENDMENT

Mr. Lammey stated that METRO had requested an amendment to the TIP for the annual element transit portion operating fund line item. He stated that a final program mark figure had been received from IDOT Department of Public Transportation, and asked that the line item be amended to reflect those figures, as follows:

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUND SOURCE	COST	APPLICANT
Section 5307 (Operating)	Urban Transit Service	FTA	\$815,560	River Valley
		IDOT	\$1,062,900	METRO Mass
		Local	\$116,400	Transit District

Dr. Gingerich moved approval of the amendment. Mr. Mayes seconded. Unanimous vote.

STU DRAWDOWN POLICY DISCUSSION

Chairman Piekarczyk asked Mr. Threadgill to explain the current STU situation. Mr. Threadgill stated that it was the intent of IDOT to draw down the existing fund balances in the STU fund account to a \$0 amount by the end of Fiscal Year 08. He stated that the allocated funds available

to each MPO area would not be changed, but that projects could be advanced in timetable to spend the balance down to \$0 statewide. Mr. Lammey stated that the charge to the Kankakee Area Transportation Study is to have a policy adopted by the end of January 2005 for the expenditure of funds to accomplish this \$0 balance by the end of FY 08. Mr. Threadgill stated that it was his understanding that he would be able to program to a negative fund balance at a level less than two years' allocation (in the case of the Kankakee Area Transportation Study less than \$1.236 million into a negative balance).

Three potential projects have been identified that could seek funding prior to the end of FY 08. Those projects are: (1) a joint project between Aroma Park and Kankakee County for Lowe Road that is currently projected for a FY 07 letting; (2) a project for the Village of Bourbonnais for Burns Road that has been scheduled in the TIP for FY 07; and (3) a project for the Village of Bradley for Cardinal Drive that has been submitted to IDOT for funding as an STU project.

The Committee discussed in general strategies for the expenditure of the allocated funding in order to reach the desired goal. Committee members and Mr. Threadgill discussed the necessity of having projects be let prior to the end of FY 08. If projects were not able to meet that timeline, either other projects that were ready for letting should be slated earlier, or the projects that had been suggested should be dropped as soon as possible to FY 09 projects.

One possible amendment to the TIP discussed at the meeting follows:

That the Lowe Road project should be funded at 4 years' allocation plus \$100,000, and be programmed in FY 07, that the Burns Road project be funded at 2 years' allocation, and be programmed in FY 07, and that the Bradley project be funded at 2 years' allocation, and be programmed in FY 08. Kankakee County would forego its' turn in the rotation during the next round of projects.

The following table shows the tentative summary of projects and funding balances:

FISCAL YEAR	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURE	RUNNING TOTAL	EXPLANATION
FY 04	\$388,374.19	\$0	\$1,560,916.19	
FY 05	\$618,133.43	\$0	\$2,179,049.62	
FY 06	\$618,133.43	\$0	\$2,797,183.05	
FY 07	\$618,133.43	\$3,808,800.58	(\$393,484.10)	\$2,572,533.72 for Lowe Road project, \$1,236,266.86 for Burns Road project
FY 08	\$618,133.43	\$1,236,266.86	(\$1,011,617.53)	Cardinal Drive project
FY 09	\$618,133.43	\$0	(\$393,484.10)	
FY 10	\$618,133.43	\$0	\$224,649.33	

Dr. Gingerich stated that he would have to discuss the possible amendment with Mayor Latham and Mayor Balthazor before making any recommendation. He also stated that any amendment would have to provide a guarantee that the proposed change could not possible cause a delay to the Burns Road project. Mr. Tyson also stated that he would be contacting Mayors Green and Grimsley to discuss the possible amendment.

The next community in line for a project in FY 11 would be the City of Kankakee, followed by

Aroma Park, Bourbonnais, and Bradley.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The Committee agreed that a meeting at 10:30 A.M. on January 26, 2005 to reach final agreement on the above STU concept would be in order.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Piekarczyk adjourned the meeting at 11:00 A.M.